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SUBJECT: EXTENDED ABSENCE OF GUINEA AMBASSADOR

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1. VISIT OF MALIAN PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 17 - 20 DREW ATTENTION TO CONTINUED ABSENCE FROM BANJUL OF GUINEAN AMBASSADOR BOUBACAR K. BALGOURA, WHO SERVES AS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. BANJUL EMBASSIES RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE JANUARY 27 SAYING AMBASSADOR HAD RETURNED TO CONAKRY "FOR CONSULTATIONS" LEAVING EMBASSY IN CHARGE OF GASPARD LAMA. ACCORDING TO SECRETARY GENERAL GOGG, BANGOURA SAID HE MIGHT ADD SOME PERSONAL LEAVE TO HIS CONSULTATIONS. EVIDENTLY HE HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM GAMBIA SINCE MID - JANUARY.

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER BANGOURA, WHO IS EXTREMELY POPULAR HERE, WILL RETURN. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE MOST UNCHARACTERISTIC OF EBULLIENT DEAN TO LEAVE AFTER NEARLY FIVE YEARS IN BANJUL WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYES . THERE IS SPECULATION THAT BANGOURA WAS RECALLED BECAUSE GOG PIQUED AT GAMBIA TARDINESS RECOGNIZE MPLA. NOW THAT GAMBIA ON BOARD, PERHAPS BANGOURA CAN RETURN.

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